

Tank to Irrigate the Land of Desur

234. Sri P. B. NANDIHALI (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the necessity of a Tank to irrigate the land of Desur ;

(b) whether the Plan and Estimate of the said Tank has been prepared by the Public Works Department, Belgaum ;

(c) if so, when the work of constructing the Tank will start ?

A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(a) and (b). The Scheme was investigated and found to be infeasible.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clauses (a) and (b).

Sri P. B. NANDIHALI.—It is stated that the scheme is not feasible. May I know whether the Government is aware that there is no other scheme to provide irrigation facility to land in that Desur area ?

†Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Sir, that area is mainly fed by rain. They grow paddy out of rainfall. They will have 16 to 17 inches of rainfall. But because of the demand of that area the scheme was investigated and found not feasible because to irrigate 525 acres the cost would be Rs. 16,430.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—What is the estimated cost and what is the area to be served by that scheme ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—The estimated cost is 7.16 lakhs to irrigate 520 acres, which is not feasible.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it not a fact that this is in a Marathi village and therefore this scheme is not feasible ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—I refute the statement made. We will not discriminate while sanctioning an estimate whether one is in a Marathi village or not.

Sri P. B. NANDIHALI.—In view of the importance of the irrigation scheme in that area, will the Government reconsider this matter and if the major scheme is not possible, will they direct the concerned department to take up minor schemes in that area ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—I do not know what are the other schemes that are to be surveyed. There are works which are going on, nearly 14 works costing 9.85 lakhs. These works are under progress and if there are other works which could be taken up, they will also be considered.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I put question No. 235.